BIMSTEC and ARF. Upon our approach along with that of other countries the United Nations Security Council designated the Pakistan based Jamaat-ud-Dawa as a terrorist organisation under its Resolution 1267. India has also established Joint Working Groups on counter-terrorism with twenty-five countries. India's cooperation with the international community on counter terrorism will be actively pursued.

Indian ships in Exclusive Economic Zone

444. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was forced to move out its three ships engaged in Oil-Explorations from Block No. 22 of its Exclusive Economic Zone on protests by Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of Bangladesh protests, and the Indian claims on the EE Zone; and

(c) Government's reaction and response to the incidents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The demarcation of maritime boundary between India and Bangladesh is under discussion bilaterally. A round of Technical Level Talks on Maritime Boundary was also held at Dhaka from 15-17th September, 2008. India had lodged a protest for some of the oil blocks offered by Government of Bangladesh in their recent 3rd round of bidding as they were impinging on our maritime boundary. Bangladesh has, in turn, also lodged some claims with India on the maritime boundary issues. Both sides are negotiating to resolve the issue peacefully.

Maltreatment to Indians in Pakistan

445. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mrs. Asha Patil W/o Late Khaled, who had gone to Pakistan to live with her husband has returned to India after her in-laws harassed, following the death of her husband has complained that the Indian High Commission did not help her out during the period of her turmoil;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Mrs. Asha has also stated that there are other such Indian who are subject to maltreatment in Pakistan; and

(d) if so, whether Government has issued any instruction to Indian High Commission in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government is in receipt of information that Smt. Asha Patil had expressed her dissatisfaction that the Indian High Commission in Pakistan did not respond to her plea for support during the hard times she faced in Pakistan after the death of her husband.

(b) The matter was enquired into and it was found that there was no basis to it.